## **EDUCATION**

The County has budgeted \$72,530,476 or 29.1 percent of the total budget for education expense. This includes \$42,715,516 for current expenses for the three school districts and Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC), \$1,300,000 for the K-64 Initiative, and capital and construction expenses total \$12,915,511. The Debt Service amount for education is \$15,599,449.

Public education is a major responsibility of County government. In recent years, Catawba County has undertaken major initiatives to both support effective education and to secure accountability for the use of educational funding.

